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## **BY ECF**

The Honorable Paul G. Gardephe United States District Judge Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

Re: United States ex rel. Dr. Patricia A. Kelly, et al. v. City Medical Associates, et al.,

15 Civ. 7261 (PGG)

Dear Judge Gardephe:

The Government respectfully writes to provide a status update to the Court. In an Order dated July 20, 2017, Your Honor granted the Government's motion to stay the proceedings in the above-mentioned case and directed the Government to advise the Court, every 90 days, as to the status of the related criminal case. (Dkt. 40; *see also* Dkt. 42).

The related criminal case, *United States v. Asim Hameedi, et al.*, 17 Cr. 137 (JGK), remains ongoing before Judge Koeltl. In late January and February 2018, the Government reached pretrial dispositions with all defendants charged in the related criminal case. As a result, the trial before Judge Koeltl, which had been scheduled for March 2018, was canceled. Five sentencings are scheduled for this summer and fall. The Government respectfully submits that a continuation of the stay is appropriate for at least two reasons. First, it may promote efficiency by enabling resolution of the civil and criminal cases together; these negotiations are currently ongoing. Second, if there are disputes at sentencing, witnesses—who will ultimately be deposed in the civil case—may need to testify at a *Fatico* hearing to resolve these disputes.

Very truly yours,

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